

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF VESSELS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce vessels in the existing waterways from Kolkata to Guwahati, Kolkata to Allahabad and Cochin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for setting up of several jetties for a greater Cargo and passenger movement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) & (b) Inland vessels are already plying in the existing national waterways from Kolkata to Guwahati, Kolkata to Allahabad, and Kochi. Government have recently approved an inland vessel building subsidy scheme aimed at increasing the inland vessels operation in national waterways.
- (c) & (d) Yes, sir. There are 15 jetties to facilitate cargo and passenger movement in 3 National Waterways. The proposal for setting up permanent terminals at Gaighat, Patna has been approved by the Government. Similar approval for setting up of permanent Terminal at Pandu, Guwahati is in state of finalization. Work is also under progress for construction of 11 terminals in National Waterway No. 3.